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of
The Medical Officer of Health
for
the Year 1970

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EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1970

To The Chairman and Members of the East Grinstead Urban District Council.

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1970.

The Report is prepared as indicated in the Department of Health & Social Security Circular No.1/71, dated 1st January 1971.

The Crude Death Rate is 13.4 as compared with 13.1 for 1969.

The Standardised Death Rate is 9.6 compared with 11.7 for England and Wales. The Standardised Death Rate is obtained by the application of a 'comparability factor' making allowance for the age and sex distribution of the district for comparison with England and Wales as a whole.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 17.00 compared with 13.69 for the previous year.

The Birth Rate is 16.5 compared with 16.7 in 1969.

The Standardised Birth Rate is 16.7 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Typhoid Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough or Measles.

There were no deaths amongst children under two years of age from Enteritis and none from maternal causes.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified during the year.

Slum Clearance

1.	Number of houses declared unfit	...	...	4
	(a) number dealt with under Section 16 Housing Act 1957 (individual unfit houses)			2
	(b) number dealt with under Section 42 Housing Act 1957 (Clearance Area)			2
2.	Houses in (1) subsequently made fit by their owners	...	...	-
3.	Houses previously declared unfit made fit by their owners	...	...	1
4.	Number of families rehoused from unfit houses			7
5.	Number of families waiting to be rehoused			2

The following information is given by Mrs O.W.Wren,
Housing Manager:-

In December, Tower Court, comprising 18 two-unit flats of 'sheltered' accommodation for the elderly, was completed and it was possible to let these flats in time for the tenants to enjoy Christmas in their new homes.

Within this development there is a Warden's three-bedroomed maisonette, a Common room which is tastefully and comfortably furnished, a Laundry Room containing a Bendix Washing Machine, Bendix Fisholow Tumbler Dryer, Hoover Spinnarinse and a double sink and draining board unit. There is also a Guest's bedroom which again is attractively furnished. The residents have settled in and are enjoying the comforts of the development and the social life it provides.

Council accommodation now comprises:-

Bed/Sitting room	...	...	Flats	68
One bedroomed	...	...	Flats	120
			Bungalows	8
Two bedroomed	...	...	Flats	98
			Bungalows	26
			Maisonettes	8
			Houses	155
Three bedroomed	...	...	Flats	4
			Maisonettes	31
			Houses	510
Four bedroomed	...	...	Houses	19
Garages	...	...		347
Shops	...	...		5

MANAGEMENT

(a) Council's Housing Waiting List

At the end of the year, 331 applicants remained on the list who required 173 one/two unit flats, 113 two and 45 three bedroomed accommodation. There were 77 new applicants during the year.

Lettings totalled 133 and, of these, 7 families were rehoused from unfit properties. At the end of the year, the number of Council tenants awaiting transfers from one type of accommodation to another, totalled 109 and during the year 95 transfers were effected.

(b) Visiting

During the year the following work was carried out:-

Visits to new tenants	...	...	...	228
Routine inspections of Council houses..	...			421
Enquiries regarding lodgers	...	...	...	52
Visits to new applicants on the Waiting List				92
Re-visits to applicants on the Waiting List (on change of circumstances and/or address)				72
Visits in connection with transfers and exchanges				145
Visits in connection with special problems...				157
Visits regarding Slum Clearance	...	...		20
Enquiries regarding garage lettings	...	...		151
Interviews in the office and enquiries regarding housing			...	4120

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

During the year the following work was carried out:-

Maintenance orders issued	...	...	...	2238
Internal decoration carried out in houses/flats				9
External decoration of Council properties...				177

All work is carried out by the Council's direct labour force.

The Council no longer carries out a full scheme for the internal decoration of properties but a partial scheme operates as follows:-

- (i) Where an elderly tenant vacates a property through death or incapacity and there is no estate to bear the cost, the property is brought up to standard and charged to maintenance.

- (ii) Tenants who are physically unable to do this work may make application for decoration to be carried out by the Council's direct labour force during the winter months. An estimate is supplied to the tenant and, when this is approved and accepted, the work is carried out on a rechargeable basis and the cost may, if required, be spread over a reasonable period.
- (iii) Where a tenant is in receipt of help from the Department of Health & Social Security, it is possible to obtain a limited amount of financial help for internal decoration where it is established, by the Department's authorised officer, that the work is necessary.

Improvements to Council Properties

No improvements were carried out during 1970 but it is anticipated that a scheme will commence during the next financial year in houses on the Brooklands and Beeches Field estates.

WELFARE

The Co-Ordinating Committee for the Welfare of the Aged was very active during the year.

(i) Visiting. A one-day course was arranged for the volunteers in the Visiting service. Twenty-six people attended and found the course both interesting and informative. A monthly meeting for visitors has been arranged so that information may be exchanged. Arrangements have also been made to issue cards giving telephone numbers of volunteers who may be contacted when help is needed. There are now 30 visitors on the Visiting Service and 68 elderly people are visited regularly.

(ii) The Greenstede Club. Forty members have enjoyed outings to Eastbourne and some happy parties. The Club has been successful in providing social contact and interest.

(iii) The Rotary Club continues to organise the workshop at St. Leonard's House and there are now 12 people attending. At Christmas, over 400 homes were provided with extra comforts in the way of food parcels, coal, sweets, tobacco, plants, flowers and clothing by the Rotary Club, The Wallis Centre Youth Club and the Soroptimist Club.

(iv) The Round Table Association sent 30 people away on a summer holiday for a week and organised a concert for 200 elderly people. 35 elderly and handicapped people were taken on a Christmas shopping expedition and shops remained open late in order to cater for wheel chairs etc. In conjunction with the Rotary Club, a very successful Donkey Derby took place which raised necessary funds.

(v) The Voluntary Laundry continued to be a great comfort and help to 23 lonely, elderly people and there were 29 volunteers to carry out the work of collecting, delivering and laundering. The helpers do one turn a month, usually working in two's and the Laundry is open all day on Mondays and Thursdays when 6 bags of washing are completed and returned on each day. During next year it is hoped to have enough assistants to open on Wednesday mornings and to increase the number of 'washes'.

(vi) Day Centre. Plans for the Centre continue and it is hoped that when this comes into operation the Laundry will be accommodated in the same building so that those attending will be able to bring their own washing and have coffee and refreshments while they are waiting and will be able to take the laundry home completed.

Every effort is being made to raise funds for the Day Club project.

(vii) The Sunshine Club and the Over Sixties Club have attendances of 30-40 respectively. They made a tour of the Kent Orchards during blossom time, visited the Black & White Minstrel Show, the Adeline Genee Theatre, visited 6 private gardens and spent a day at Eastbourne when 3 coachloads enjoyed a very happy day.

(viii) The Women's Royal Voluntary Service. The Meals-on-Wheels and Luncheon Club served 5,840 meals and a special Christmas dinner was served to 100 elderly people. These meals do ensure that the recipients have at least two good hot meals per week which are cooked by W.R.V.S. staff. This work receives financial assistance from the East Grinstead Urban District Council.

The work of the W.R.V.S. also included the following:-

(a) Issuing welfare foods:

Tins of Dried Milk	...	1598
Issues of vitamin tablets		629
Bottles of cod-liver oil		223
Bottles of orange juice		6622

- (b) Clothing issued to 60 families.
- (c) Home Helps were provided for 100 homes.
- (d) Visitors and voluntary clerical help were provided for the Queen Victoria Hospital.
- (e) 10 children and 2 mothers were sent away on holiday.
- (f) Schoolgirls were trained in general welfare work for the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- (g) Social training was given to people willing to make themselves available in emergencies and all the necessary organisation is now available to provide 1,000 meals on demand.
- (h) In conjunction with the Old People's Welfare Committee and the Citizen's Advice Bureau, a Chiropody Service is provided for Pensioners and 142 men and women were referred for treatment.

(ix) The Citizen's Advice Bureau. 1970 was a year of steady work and 4,121 enquiries were made at the Bureau, an increase on the previous year of 321.

The range of enquiries is always a wide one and statistics kept by the Bureau are not regarded as mere figures; rather, they represent a very true indication of public reaction and need of real help. Enquiries included, 827 from elderly people seeking information or help, 110 landlord and tenant problems, housing enquiries 218, and consumer advice was given to 171.

Bureau workers have attended training days and residential courses in order to keep abreast of new and changing legislation. Representatives of the Bureau serve on such Committees as, Old People's Welfare, Red Cross, Mental Health, Library and Marriage Guidance.

The Bureau is particularly appreciative of the financial grant made to assist with the work as, without this, it would be most difficult to staff the Bureau.

There are 10 voluntary staff who assist the Bureau which has now been in operation for 30 years.

MARRIAGE GUIDANCE

East Grinstead Marriage Guidance Council, together with branches at Crawley and Horsham, form the North Sussex Marriage Guidance Council. It offers a confidential counselling service to those seeking help for marriage and family problems. Clients are seen by appointment only, at a room in Westminster Bank Chambers, London Road. In 1970 two Counsellors gave a total of 182 one-hour interviews, and the demand for the service continues to increase.

The Council also offers an Education Service, not so widely known perhaps, which can be carried out in Schools, Youth Clubs, Parent-Teacher Associations, Nurses-in-Training and other like groups. A number of talks on the "Work of Marriage Guidance" have been given to W.I.Groups, Young Wives, the National Council of Women and other organisations. A small local Committee with representation on the North Sussex Executive Committee, is concerned with such matters as the premises, publicity, fund raising and providing receptionists for the Counsellors. Marriage Guidance is a voluntary organisation and registered charity, dependent on grants by Local Councils, organisations and private donations.

SOCIAL WELFARE LUNCH TIME SESSIONS

With the object of fostering friendly acquaintance, and the interchange of information among those engaged in Social Welfare work, the East Grinstead Urban District Council sponsors a regular monthly meeting at East Court. Invitations are sent to professional and voluntary workers, Doctors, Nurses, Clergymen and Head Teachers.

The meetings have been held regularly on the first Friday of the month, and have been well attended. Each organisation represented has produced an excellent display of its activities and these have been of great value to everyone present, promoting a better understanding of the services available.

Speakers at the meetings have included -

Dr. Brims Young	-	"Welfare of the Mentally Handicapped Elderly."
Mrs Jean Hunter	-	"Welfare work of the Red Cross."
Cllr. D.H.Griffin	-	"Elected Councillors."
Mr. L. Novak	-	"Control of Rents"
Mr. F.A. Freeman	-	"New Housing Grants"
Sub/Off. Light	-	"Fire Brigade Functions"
Mrs Allen	-	"Marriage Guidance"
Miss M. Wright	-	"Elderly in the Community"
Mr. W. Ingwersen	-	"Improvements in Community Environment"
The Mother Superior - (St. Margaret's Convent)	-	"Religious Communities"
The Rev. A.Fagg (Tutor at Whittington College, Felbridge)		
Miss Cloughley	-	"Sites for Itinerants' Dwellings"

Further talks are being arranged for the year 1971.

JOHN PETRIE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	6,600 acres
Registrar General's Estimated Population	17,790
Density of population per acre	2.69
Rateable Value at 1.4.70	£1,003,388
Sum represented by a 1d rate (1970/71)..	£4,095
Birth rate per 1000 population	16.5
Standardised Birth Rate	16.7
Crude Death Rate per 1000 population ...	13.4
Standardised Death Rate	9.6
Infantile Mortality Rate	17.00
Number of Inhabited Dwellings (at 1.4.70)	6,030

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Live Births</u> - Legitimate	143	136	279
Illegitimate	6	9	15
<u> Total Live Births</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>294</u>

Birth Rate per 1000 population ...	16.50
Comparability Factor	1.01
Standardised Birth Rate	16.70

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Still Births</u> - Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u> Total Still Births</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

Rate per 1000 of the Total Births	10.20
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<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	107	132	239
Crude Rate per 1000 population	13.40		
Comparability Factor72		
Standardised Death Rate	9.60		

<u>INFANTILE MORTALITY</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths of Infants under the age of			
1 week	1	3	4
Deaths of Infants under the age of			
4 weeks	2	3	5
Deaths of Infants under the age of			
1 year	2	3	5

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births ...	17.00
Illegitimate Live Births 5.00% of total live births.	
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per	
1000 Live Births) ...	17.00

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE EAST GRINSTEAD URBAN DISTRICT

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	5	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	10	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	9
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	2	-
Leukaemia	1	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	4	2
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
Mental Disorders	2	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	2
Hypertensive Disease	-	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	27	23
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	7
Cerebrovascular Disease	9	29
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	11
Influenza	1	3
Pneumonia	9	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema	5	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	3
Peptic Ulcer	4	-
Appendicitis	-	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	-	1
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	2
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-
All Other Accidents	2	3
Suicide and Self Inflicted Injuries	-	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>132</u>

MORTALITY IN AGE GROUPS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 4 weeks	2	3	5
4 weeks and under 1 year	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 "	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	1	1
35 - 44 "	2	2	4
45 - 54 "	7	4	11
55 - 64 "	16	8	24
65 - 74 "	35	26	61
75 and over	45	88	133
	<u>107</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>239</u>

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1955 - 1970

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births						Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Death Rate	Infant Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate				M	F	Total		M	F	Total		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total										
1955	12,220	60	80	140	3	-	3	11.7	77	86	163	13.34	3	-	3	20.98	-20
1956	12,760	91	83	174	2	1	3	13.87	87	104	191	14.91	1	3	4	22.6	-14
1957	13,340	108	100	208	3	2	5	16.72	93	106	199	14.92	1	1	2	9.39	14
1958	13,390	118	89	207	4	5	9	15.48	95	97	192	13.76	-	-	-	-	24
1959	14,370	135	106	241	3	2	5	16.42	89	104	193	13.43	2	1	3	12.2	53
1960	14,900	132	113	245	3	6	9	17.05	86	103	189	12.68	3	-	3	11.81	65
1961	15,540	123	118	241	5	2	7	15.9	97	96	193	12.42	2	2	4	16.1	55
1962	15,860	122	114	236	2	5	7	15.51	101	134	235	14.81	1	2	3	12.34	8
1963	15,930	136	144	280	11	4	15	18.52	107	144	251	15.76	1	5	6	20.34	44
1964	16,390	145	121	266	12	8	20	17.45	89	114	203	12.39	4	2	6	20.98	83
1965	16,610	155	131	286	13	5	18	18.3	105	121	226	13.6	3	1	4	13.15	78
1966	17,020	149	131	280	5	8	13	17.21	92	104	196	11.51	2	-	2	6.08	97
1967	17,110	148	136	284	9	9	18	17.06	105	105	210	12.27	-	3	3	9.93	92
1968	17,340	131	119	250	8	11	19	15.5	134	106	240	13.8	6	3	9	14.48	29
1969	17,490	161	117	278	6	8	14	16.7	101	128	229	13.1	4	-	4	13.69	63
1970	17,790	143	136	279	6	9	15	16.5	107	132	239	13.4	2	3	5	17.00	55

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year 1970:-

Disease	Cases Notified	Cases to Hospital	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	14	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-
Measles	118	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	1	1	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Scabies	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	1	-	-

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Age Groups									Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 & over	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	1	1	14
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Measles	2	10	15	18	30	37	6	-	-	118
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scabies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	3	10	15	18	30	39	16	1	3	135

TUBERCULOSIS

Summary of New Cases and Mortality during the years 1955-1970

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>					
Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
1955	2	4	1	1	8	1	-	-	-	1
1956	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
1957	6	5	-	2	13	3	-	1	1	5
1958	1	1	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1
1959	3	1	-	1	5	-	1	-	-	1
1960	2	1	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1961	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
1962	1	2	-	1	4	1	-	-	-	1
1963	1	3	-	1	5	2	-	-	-	2
1964	2	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	1
1965	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	1
1966	1	1	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	1
1967	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
1968	3	1	1	-	5	1	-	-	-	1
1969	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
1970	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1

New Cases and Mortality during the year 1970

	<u>NEW CASES</u>				<u>DEATHS</u>			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year 1970
 - (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects 208
 - (b) Number of inspections and re-inspections... 898
 - (c) Number of houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4
 - (d) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 20
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without the Service of Formal Notices.

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 3
3. Unfit Houses
 - (a) Number of Demolition Orders made -
 - (b) Number of Closing Orders made.. -
 - (c) Number of Undertakings accepted -
4. Housing Act 1957 Part IV - OVERCROWDING

No new cases of overcrowding were received during the year.
5. Number of new houses erected during the year 1970
 - (a) State aided:-

By local authority 19

By private enterprise
(Public Utility Societies etc.)... -
 - (b) Without State aid 137
6. Rent Act 1957 as amended

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the 12 months under review.
7. Housing Act 1969 - Qualification Certificates
 - (a) Number of applications received during the year 48
 - (b) Number of Qualification Certificates issued 3
 - (c) Number of applications withdrawn 2
 - (d) Number of refusals 17

HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

By the end of 1970, 32 houses in the East Grinstead area were known to be in multiple occupation controlling 267 individuals. This figure of 32 is the same as for the previous year - one new 'Direction' being made and one of the existing ones cancelled.

In 1969 the Council made 32 'Directions' controlling 253 individuals.

The previous definition of a house in multiple occupation i.e. a house which, or a part of which, is let in lodgings or which is occupied by members of more than one family - has been amended by the Housing Act 1969 to read "a house which, or a part of which is occupied by persons who do not form a single household".

A "Direction" is an order made by the Council which limits the number of individuals who should occupy a house in multiple occupation.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

The much publicised provisions of the Housing Act 1969 can now be summarised as follows:-

In addition to the provision of standard amenities to dwellinghouses, to extend the useful habitable life of structurally sound but aged and dilapidated properties and thus prevent them from sliding further into slum clearance buildings, certain structural repairs are now eligible for grant aid.

The Act requires that a dwelling must, where practicable, conform to the following 12-point standard:-

1. Be in a good state of repair and substantially free from damp.
2. Have each room properly lighted and ventilated.
3. Have an adequate supply of wholesome water laid on inside the dwelling.
4. Be provided with efficient and adequate means of supplying hot water for domestic purposes.
5. Have an internal water closet if practicable; otherwise a readily accessible outside water-closet.
6. Have a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom.
7. Be provided with a sink and with suitable arrangements for the disposal of waste water.
8. Have a proper drainage system.
9. Be provided in each room with adequate points for gas or electric lighting (where reasonably available).
10. Be provided with adequate facilities for heating.
11. Have satisfactory facilities for storing, preparing and cooking food.
12. Have proper provision for the storage of fuel (where required).

The statute has made three types of grant available:-

- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| (a) IMPROVEMENT GRANT | - Maximum usually £1,000 (£1,200 in special circumstances) |
| (b) STANDARD GRANT | - Maximum usually £200 (£450 in special circumstances) |
| (c) SPECIAL GRANT | - Maximum £200 |

The Act also provides for the decontrol of houses provided with standard amenities.

The grant for essential repairs cannot, in any circumstances, exceed the amount of grant aid for the improvements.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	The Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, Part II, and the Housing Act 1969.		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted (Grant with Q.C.)
Enquiries made	14	40	14
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-
Applications not approved by Council	1	-	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	2	-	-
Applications approved and proceeded with	9	13	7
Completed by 31.12.70	5	9	3
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	£5195.55	£5509.12	£3469.91
Approved previously and completed in 1970	5	6	6

CONVERSION

The work on the improvement grant which was approved in 1969 to convert a dwelling-house into two self-contained flats, was completed during 1970 and the grant paid in full (£1645.00)

STANDARD GRANTS

	The House Purchase and Housing Act 1959, Part II, and the Housing Act 1969		
	Vacant	Owner Occupied	Tenanted. Grant with Q.C.
Enquiries made	9	24	9
Approval refused by tenant	-	-	-
Applications not approved by Council	-	-	-
Applications approved and not proceeded with	-	1	1
Applications approved and proceeded with	-	2	2
Completed by 31.12.70	-	2	1
Total of grants approved and proceeded with	-	£245.44	£175.00
Approved previously and completed in 1970	2	2	1

SPECIAL GRANTS

Two applications were received for this type of grant which relates to the provision of standard amenities in a multiple occupied house as a whole, but these were not approved.

Compulsory Improvements of Dwellings

In the majority of cases voluntary methods of persuasion have been successful so that recourse to the relevant sections of the Act was necessary only on two occasions.

SANITARY SUPERVISION

<u>Housing Inspections</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Inspections made under Housing Acts ...	687	898
Inspections made under Public Health Acts	36	85
Housing Act: Improvement Grants ...	162	110
Certificates of Disrepair...	-	-
 <u>Other Inspections</u>		
Meat Shops and Slaughterhouses	205	277
Fish Shops	5	1
Bakehouses	-	3
Other Food Premises	559	105
Public Houses and Hotels	4	21
Clubs	-	1
Market Stalls	-	1123
Public Health Acts	315	122
Petroleum Acts	114	29
Factory Acts (not included in other totals)	135	135
Infectious Diseases	1898	166
Water Supplies	18	37
Clean Air Act	162	205
Inspections made under Pest Destruction Acts	1803	1751
Other Miscellaneous Inspections	789	574
Complaints	166	214

WATER SUPPLY

Water for the greater part of East Grinstead is supplied by the Mid-Sussex Water Company. A few houses on the Northern boundary at Felbridge are supplied by the East Surrey Water Company.

The Mid-Sussex Water Company have deep wells at Hackenden and Forest Row, and an additional supply is obtained from the reservoir of the Weir Wood Water Board. Placelands deep bore-hole is also available as an additional booster for summer supplies.

The raw water is aerated, subjected to sedimentation, mechanical filtration, automatic superchlorination, and finally before going into supply, to dechlorination to give a free residual of 0.1 p.p.m. of chlorine. A consistently safe and palatable water supply is thus assured.

Samples of water from each supply are regularly submitted to the Analytical Laboratory, Lewes by the Mid-Sussex Water Company for chemical and bacteriological examination. The water is consistently of excellent organic quality and safe for drinking purposes.

It was not necessary to restrict the supply at any time throughout the year.

Approximately 6,017 dwelling-houses have a piped water supply.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

During the year 1531 visits were made to food premises and below are details of the foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption:-

TINNED FOOD

Fruit	...	...	16
Vegetables	...	...	10
Meat	...	...	8
Fish	...	...	5
Milk and Milk Pudding			4

MUTTON

40	Livers	Fluke
4	"	Fascioliasis
4	"	Bacterial Necrosis
1	Carcass	Pleurisy
1	Lung	Abscessed
3½	prs. Lungs	Muellerius Capillaris
1	Shoulder	Septic Pleurisy

CALVES

1	Liver	Abscessed
1	Calf	Immature

PORK

48½	Livers	Milk Spot
1½	"	Ascariasis
1	Liver	Hepatitis
2	Livers	Atrophied
1	pr. Lungs	Septic Pneumonia
3	prs. "	Pneumonia
1	pr. "	Septic Pleurisy & Pneumonia
2	prs. "	Pleurisy
3	Lungs	Abscessed
25½	Heads	Tuberculosis
1	Mesentery	"
1	Leg	Abscessed
2	Knuckles	Arthritis
8	Hearts	Pericarditis
1	Tail	Abscessed
35lbs	Fore-end	"
30lbs	Hindquarters	"
2	Legs pork	"
	Part back	"
	Part leg & loin	"
1	Head & Hindquarters	Unfit
1	Pig	"
	Part Udder	Mastitis

Food decomposing due to refrigerator breakdown:-

1,727 packets frozen food (various)

584 lbs. frozen lamb and beef joints,
lamb chops, pork fillets, liver,
kidney, sweetbreads, steak and
minced beef.

41 chickens (324 lbs)
1 x 15 lbs Turkey
22 lbs Ox Cheek
127 lbs Ox Liver

16 packets biscuits (sub-standard due to
production error)

MILK

The following dealers' licences authorising the
use of special designation were in force during the
year 1970:-

<u>Special Designation</u>	<u>No. of Licences</u>
Pasteurised	22
Sterilised	1
Untreated	2
Ultra High Temperature	7

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Section 109 gives authority with few exceptions, mainly milk and milk products, for local authorities who are not Food & Drugs authorities to exercise powers of the Food & Drugs authority in respect of the institution of legal proceedings.

The County Council are the Food & Drugs authority and their Weights & Measures Inspectors have been appointed as 'Authorised Officers'. Mr. Leach (Weights & Measures Inspector) has provided the following information:-

FOOD & DRUGS SAMPLES TAKEN JANUARY - DECEMBER 1970.

<u>Milk Samples</u>	<u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect</u>
Informal (tested for solids and fats)	28	-
Formal (submitted to P.A.)	-	-
<u>Other Samples</u>		
Orangeade	1	
Lime Juice Cordial	1	
Lemon Drink	2	
Orange Drink	2	
Cola	1	
Plum Jam	1	
Coffee	1	
Cream	1	
Blackcurrant Cordial	1	
Dairy Cream	1	
Tapioca Milk Pudding	1	
Rice	1	
Macaroni	1	
Sago	1	
Semolina	1	
Evaporated Milk	1	
Cornflour	1	
Milk Chocolate Dessert	1	
Sauerkraut	-	1
Blackcurrant Jam	-	1
Pork Sausagemeat	1	
Pork Sausages	2	
Pork Sausages	-	2
Pork Sausages with preservative	1	
Pork Pie	1	
Jelly Babies	1	
Giant Mints	1	
Whiskey flavoured toffee bar	1	
Pure yeast tablets	1	

Mixed cereal with fruit & nuts	1
Cheese with beer	1
Cheese gateau	1
Epicure glace cherries	1
Epicure mixed cut peel	1
Edenvale Raspberry Fool	1
Steak Pie	1
Sausage Rolls	1

Particulars of incorrect samples.

Sauerkraut - list of ingredients, namely cabbage and salt, did not appear on label of this canned imported vegetable, as required by Labelling of Food Order. Importer informed.

Blackcurrant Deficient in soluble solids i.e. only 63.1% as
Jam against a 65% legal minimum. Manufacturers informed.

Pork (2 samples) These samples taken from two
Sausages butchers shops in East Grinstead contained undeclared preservatives. Butchers concerned were re-visited and told to display preservatives notices in the shops.

CLEAN FOOD SUPERVISION

(1) Number of Food Premises in the area by type of business:-

Bakehouses	..	..	..	2
Butchers	..	..	..	13
Catering Establishments:				
Boarding Houses	..	..	..	-
Cafes and Teashops..	..	..	..	5
Clubs	..	..	..	15
Factory and Staff Canteens				11
Fish and Chip Shops	..	..	..	4
Hospitals	..	..	..	2
Hostels	..	..	..	3
Hotels	..	..	..	4
Public Houses (total)	..	..	..	9
Serving meals	..	..	..	3
Serving snacks	..	..	..	6
Residential Institutions..				17
Restaurants	..	..	..	8
Schools, Technical				
Colleges etc.				12
Snack Bars	..	..	..	1
Chemists	..	..	..	5
Confectioners	..	..	..	23
Corn Merchants..	..	..	..	2
Fish Shops (Wet and Dried)..				4
General Stores..	..	..	..	15
Greengrocers	..	..	..	11
Grocers	..	..	..	17
Milk Depots	..	..	..	2
Milk Shops	..	..	..	15
Wayside Stalls..	..	..	..	1
Wine Merchants..	..	..	..	9

(2) Number of Food Premises by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, or under Local Acts, and the number of dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1959:-

Sale of Ice-Cream	..	..	48
Preparation of Potted Food..			-
Preparation of Sausages	..	..	5
Preparation of Pressed Food			-
Preparation of Pickled Food			10
Preparation of Preserved Food			
including Fried Fish	..	..	10
Dairies	..	..	2

(3) Number of Inspections and visits to Registered Food Premises .. 1128

CARCASES OF ANIMALS INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	29	766	1127
Number inspected	29	766	1127
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:			
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	58	82
Percentage of the number inspected infected with diseases other than T.B.	6.90%	7.57%	7.36%
Tuberculosis only:			
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	28
Percentage of the number inspected infected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	2.48%

POULTRY INSPECTIONS

- (i) Number of poultry processing premises 18
- (ii) Number of visits to premises ... 262
- (iii) Total number of birds processed during
the year 24,713
- (iv) Types of birds processed:-
- | | |
|----------|--------|
| Turkeys | 1,379 |
| Geese | 106 |
| Culls | 1,712 |
| Capons | 21,302 |
| Duckling | 131 |
- (v) Percentage rejected as unfit ... 1.01%
- (vi) 80 lbs. condemned as unfit for human consumption.
- (vii) Comments on poultry processing and inspection:-

Most of the poultry processing is carried on in 9 shop premises (22,556 of total). The birds are previously hand-picked by owners and consequently very few are unfit for human consumption.

It is not practical with present legislation to ensure 100% inspection in the widely separated poultry processing establishments in this area, but agreement has been reached with the owners to notify this Department should any reasonable doubt arise as to the fitness for human consumption of the poultry being processed.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

	No. of premises registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving a General Inspection during the year.
Offices	11	101	95
Retail Shops	22	165	205
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	11	6
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	3	24	15
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-
TOTALS	38	301	321

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	1025
Retail Shops	1081
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	131
Catering Establishments open to the public	174
Canteens	24
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	2435
TOTAL MALES	1077
TOTAL FEMALES	1358

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The factories on the Register of the Local Authority are as follows:-

	<u>Mechanical Power</u>	<u>Non-Mechanical Power</u>	<u>Total</u>
Agricultural Engineers	1	-	1
Agricultural Seedsmen	1	-	1
Automatic Machines	1	-	1
Bakeries	2	-	2
Builders	1	1	2
Chemical Compounds	1	-	1
Cloth Measuring Warehouse	1	-	1
Commercial Artist	1	-	1
Coffin Makers	1	-	1
Confectionery	1	-	1
Cosmetics	2	-	2
Dyers & Cleaners	2	-	2
Electric Lamps	1	-	1
Electrical Engineers	1	-	1
Electronic Equipment	2	-	2
French Polishing	-	1	1
Joinery	7	-	7
Laundries	3	-	3
Light Engineering	16	-	16
Manufacturing Chemists	1	-	1
Mirror Silvering	1	-	1
Motor Vehicle Repairers	15	-	15
Pharmaceuticals	2	-	2
Photography	1	-	1
Plastic Surgical Instruments	1	-	1
Polythene Bag Manufacturers	1	-	1
Pottery	1	-	1
Precision Engineering	2	-	2
Printers	4	-	4
Radio & T.V. Repairers	2	1	3
Sawmills	2	-	2
Sheet Metal Manufacturers	3	-	3
Shoe Repairers	2	-	2
Signwriters	2	-	2
Slaughterhouses	1	-	1
Smithies	1	-	1
Snow Clearing Equipment	1	-	1
Soft Furnishings	3	-	3
Spectacle Frames	1	-	1
Stonemasons	2	-	2
Swimming Pool Fittings	1	-	1
Tailoring	1	1	2
Toolmakers	1	-	1
	97	4	101

	Mechanical Power	Non-Mechanical Power	Total
Transformers & Components	1	-	1
Tyre Vulcanising	1	-	1
Upholstery	-	1	1
Warm Air Heating Equipment	2	-	2
Watch Repairers	1	-	1
Waterproofing Materials	1	-	1
Woodcrafts	2	-	2
	105	5	110

During the year 135 inspections were made under the Factories Act 1961.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors):

	No.on Register	Inspection tions	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	5	3	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	105	42	12	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	11	26	Nil	Nil
	121	71	12	Nil

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases where Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M.I.	Referred by H.M.I.	
Want of Cleanliness	1	-	1	-	-
Overcrowding	1	-	1	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10	7	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	13	8	2	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Part VIII of the Act, Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

<u>SECTION 133</u>				<u>SECTION 134</u>		
Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list req'd by Sec. 133 (1)(c)	No. of Cases of default in sending Lists to Council.	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply Lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole-some premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel: Making etc.	13	-	-	-	-	-
Cleaning and Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-

RODENT CONTROL

	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification.	130	35	165
Number of such properties found to be infested.	71	28	99
Number of properties found to be infested as a result of systematic survey.	19	1	20
Total number of properties infested.	90	29	119
Infestations dealt with by Council	90	28	118
Infestations dealt with by Occupier following instructions given by Rodent Officer.	-	1	1

The Council employ one full-time Rodent Officer on Pest destruction.

During the year ended 31st December 1970, 2066 visits were made under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 and of these 706 were systematic surveys.

The Rodent Officer also dealt with 170 wasps nests and 23 complaints of other pests, including moles, ants, cock-roaches, flies, fleas, bees and silverfish.

Regular inspections have been made at Eden Vale, Sunnyside and Ashurst Wood Sewage Disposal Works, the refuse tips, housing estates and other Council properties. Once again a 10% test of sewers was completed in the Spring, in accordance with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' instructions, and once again the test revealed a very low level of infestation.

A nominal charge for rodent and pest destruction is made to householders. Business premises are charged with the actual cost of materials and labour. No charge is made for subsequent inspection to ensure that the premises remain free from rats and mice.

The Council is prepared to enter into an annual contract to maintain business premises free from vermin.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This work is carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department.

House refuse is collected weekly. Large items of household refuse are collected every Friday if a request is made to the Surveyor's Department, telephone number East Grinstead 23636 Ext. 51. There is no charge made for this service.

Builders' or garden refuse is not collected, but this may be taken to the Council's Tip and disposed of free of charge. Further details may be obtained from the Surveyor's Department at the above extension.

Trade Refuse is collected at the request of the trader concerned, and a charge of 1/3d per bin on all bins in excess of one per week is made. A collection is also made of trade waste paper, cardboard, etc. again by request. Sacks are supplied by the Council to the trader and are emptied at a charge of 1/3d each, including the first sack.

Refuse is disposed of by tipping in a disused railway cutting at High Grove. Before being covered, newly tipped refuse is treated with Malathion insecticide to prevent breeding of flies.

Frequent inspections of the tip are made to ascertain possible nuisance by rodents and flies.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS 1928 and 1936

50 premises were licensed to store petroleum spirit and 97 visits were made under the Acts by the Public Health Inspectors.

LABORATORY SERVICES

The services of the Public Health Laboratory at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (Tel.No.63506) are available to this department and to Medical Practitioners in the district for the investigation of infectious disease.

The laboratory is in a position to accept specimens (faeces, sputa, throat swabs, etc.) both for the diagnosis of individual cases, and for the investigation of outbreaks (detection of carriers, reservoirs of infection, mode of spread, etc.). Specimens should reach the laboratory by 4.30 p.m. on weekdays, by 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays, and by 11.30 a.m. on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Containers may be obtained from the laboratory or from this department, and specimens may be sent to the laboratory via the Southdown Motor Bus Company. Collections are made at the Brighton terminus at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. (Mondays - Fridays), and at 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays. No collections are made on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Specimens for the Bacteriologist may be left at the Public Health Department, East Court, East Grinstead, before 12.30 p.m. and will be placed on a 'bus in time to reach Brighton for the 4 p.m. collection.

The laboratory is open between the hours of 9.30 a.m. and 12 noon on every day of the year, including Sundays and Public Holidays. Specimens which are so urgent that they have to be collected on those days, can be accepted at the laboratory between 10 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Specimens which are received at the Brighton Terminus after the last daily collection has been made, are not picked up until the following day, unless prior notification is received at the laboratory that an urgent specimen is on its way which may not, or will not, arrive in Brighton in time for the normal collection. In cases of extreme urgency arising after laboratory hours, special arrangements can be made by telephoning the Director of the Public Health Laboratory (Dr.J.E.Jameson - Brighton 56960), or the Chief Technician (Mr.N.W.Emberley - Rottingdean 2070).

The following prophylactic is held at the laboratory for issue free of charge to Medical Practitioners:-

Gamma Globulin.

Supplies are restricted, and it is available only by consultation with the laboratory. Other types of vaccine, anti-toxins and serums are not held, but information regarding them may be obtained from the Director.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL WELFARE CENTRES

The following table shows the clinics held at the East Sussex County Council's Welfare Centre, Moat View, Moat Road, East Grinstead:-

Clinics

Days and Times

Infant Welfare

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)
2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Toddlers' Clinic

First, second, third and fourth
Tuesdays of each month 10 a.m. -
11.45 a.m. By appointment
with the Health Visitor.

Dental Clinic

Mothers and Children
under 5 years.

By appointment with the Dentist.

Ante-Natal

Relaxation and
Mothercraft Classes

Every Tuesday 2.15 p.m.

Cuckfield Hospital
patients.

Third Wednesday each month
2.15 p.m. by appointment.

Immunisations and Vaccinations.

Second Wednesday each month
2.15 p.m. (Discontinued April 1970)

Child Guidance

Thursdays - by appointment.

Speech Therapy

Every Tuesday - by appointment
with the Speech Therapist.

Family Planning

Every Thursday at 7 p.m.
by appointment.

Cytology Clinic

Every Wednesday morning and
Second and Fourth Tuesday
evenings - by appointment.

MEDICAL LOAN DEPOT

Mrs E.C.Draper, 46 Portland Rd.
East Grinstead (E.G.21984)

QUEEN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Chest Clinic

Every Thursday 2 p.m.

AT ST. DUNSTAN'S HALL, MAYPOLE ROAD, ASHURST WOOD

Infant Welfare

Weighing Sessions only.

Fourth Wednesday every month -
afternoons.

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Men: Tuesday 11 a.m. - 12 noon

Women: Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, Sussex.

Men: Monday 4.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Thursday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Women: Tuesday 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Ambulance Service in East Grinstead is as follows:-

Number of Ambulances ... Three

Ambulance Station ... East Court, East Grinstead

Telephone Number ... E.G.23488

Area Served ... East Grinstead
Forest Row
Hartfield
West Hoathly
Worth

A day and night service is available for the conveyance of patients from within the County of East Sussex who are unfit to travel either by public transport or car. Calls are accepted from doctors, midwives and hospitals in the area. Cases of accident or sudden emergency are the only calls accepted from members of the public.

The ambulances are now operated by the East Sussex County Council, who took them over from the British Red Cross Society in April 1966.

Cases of infectious disease are removed to isolation hospital in the ambulances, which are then disinfected before returning to normal service.

Patients able to travel by car are conveyed on calls from doctors, midwives, or hospitals, by the Hospital Car Service. Details of this service are given below:-

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

<u>Area Transport Officer</u>	...	Mrs J.E. Faithful, East Court, East Grinstead.
<u>Telephone number</u>	...	E.G. 21318
<u>Area served</u>	...	East Grinstead Urban District. Uckfield Rural District Cuckfield Rural District (Northern half)
<u>Office Hours</u>	...	Mondays to Fridays (inclusive) 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

During the year 398 International Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox and Cholera were authenticated by the Health Department. A further 425 were authenticated at the Queen Victoria Hospital.

